07Sep2010 Tri-Agency Mission Scientist Report - Brigitte Baeuerle

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Gaston

Flight Date: Tue, 09/07/2010

Mission synopsis: 07 Sept 2010.

NOAA/IFEX:

There are currently no operational or research taskings for the NOAA P-3s or the NOAA G-IV for Tuesday, 7 September or Wednesday, 8 September 2010. NOAA 42 scheduled to conduct a scientific Ocean Survey Mission on Thursday (T/O 1400 UTC, 6-8 hour mission).

NASA/GRIP:

(1) DC8:

Tuesday, 7 September (today): The DC-8 is currently conducting a research mission into the "quasi-comatose" Gaston (square spiral) and will be returning to Fort Lauderdale tonight. Take off was scheduled for 1800 UTC from STX, (7-9.5 hours duration) but delayed by 52 minutes due to maintenance issues

Wednesday, 8 September - No fly day

Thursday, 9 September: Possible Science Flight Friday, 10 September: Possible Science Flight

(2) Global Hawk:

Install and testing of the NCAR/NOAA GPS dropsonde system remains a high priority Update from NCAR as of 7 September 17 UTC: install of the AVAPS and test flights will not be possible until next week

Tuesday, 7 September: no fly day Wednesday, 8 September: no fly day Thursday, 9 September: no fly day

Friday, 10 September: tbd Saturday, 11 September: tbd

(3) WB-57: The WB-57 continues to be down for repairs.

NSF/PREDICT:

(1) NSF/NCAR G5:

Tuesday, 7 September (today): PREDICT conducted Research Flight 13 into the remnants of Gaston (PGI38L)

(T/O: 1230 UTC; 6 hr duration). The aircraft recovered to Barbados.

Wednesday 8 September: Return of aircraft from Barbados back to St. Croix (T/O:12:30 UTC,

4.5 hr duration).

Thursday, 9 September: Alert for potential Research Flight

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All AFRC C-130J operational tasking reconnaissance requirements for the remnants of Gaston were canceled by NHC this morning.

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